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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:

This memorandum is for information only.

Dick Markness, as President of the Overseas Writers, telephoned to ask me to remind you that they are very anxious to have you make your annual luncheon talk at any time of your convenience. They hope that you will do it not later than 15 June because if it isn't done in June they have no meetings until the fall.

Chip Bohlen was the Off-the-Record speaker today. He painted the Russian situation in broad strokes. His principal points were: 1. The Russians are an insincere government; 2. They are really and seriously interested in disarmament; 3. They fear a nuclear war; 4. Their economy needs the money they are putting into arms; 5. They agree in principal to the "sky inspection" and argue now only about geography.

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